

IN THE WOMAN'S WORLD

SUFFRAGE ORGANIZATION GROWS RAPIDLY; WOMEN WORK TOGETHER

Mrs. W. F. Frear and Mrs. Hunter-Jones Make Addresses

The suffrage meeting at the home of Mrs. J. M. Dowsett yesterday afternoon was better attended than the previous ones. Not only were there many prominent Hawaiian women present but also white women well known in the social world. The two prepared addresses were made by Mrs. Walter Frear and Mrs. Hunter-Jones, while a number of Hawaiian women spoke. The Hawaiians were very enthusiastic and their talks were features of the meeting.

The first address was made by Mrs. Hunter-Jones, who brought out many interesting points of the subject.

The first topic she took up was "What does suffrage stand for?" Her answer was "equal rights, Justice, co-operation, brotherhood and love." Then she asked why women should have the equal rights. "Because," she said, "women who hold property should have a part in choosing the

rulers, in making the laws, casting the votes and to help promote peace."

She then spoke of the present war in Europe and said that after a mother had brought a son into the world she should have a right to help with the laws so that she might keep him in the world rather than have him go off to war.

The next point she took up was "Justice." She said "Justice" means an equal vote not a half vote. As half the inhabitants of the world are women they should be given half the vote. Otherwise one half of the brains in the world are making the laws while the other half lie dormant.

Of Co-operation she said, "As production of humanity is based upon co-operation, is there any reason why this co-operation should not extend to that which affects humanity? Assuredly no! As a child is bereft without a mother and man without a wife is less than a man with one, so laws made by man alone lack true wisdom and justice."

"Do unto others as you would be done by," that covers the point of brotherhood of them. Woman is one

half of humanity and Mothers the other half. Shall woman have no voice in that in which concerns her or her offspring? Is man brother to man and not brother to woman? If so, where do the sisters and mothers come in? Will a man deny to his daughter the simple justice allowed his son? Let us think of what Brotherhood means."

Next she brought out the point of taxation without representation. "Taxation without representation is against the law, still, a woman owning property may be taxed while she can have no word whatever in the choosing of the lawmakers."

Another topic taken up by Mrs. Hunter-Jones was "Why the Vote?"

She said in part:

"Experience shows that women are wise and conscientious intelligent, in the elective franchise."

"Because the white race not half of it should have a voice in the making of the laws and selection of the officers."

"Because the daughters must have protection from the laws allowing white slavery, and it is the women who will give them this protection."

"Because political inequality is unjust."

"Because there shall be no taxation without representation. Still women who own property are taxed without representation."

"Experience shows that the women are able to make sane laws in the state of Colorado. There they have made most sane, humane, scientific laws in the protection of women and children."

Then she spoke of the many objections made against woman suffrage. And she gave a plan for work, but that plan had already been worked out by those who have been active in the suffrage movement here.

Mrs. Hunter-Jones was followed by Mrs. Frear who spoke somewhat briefly though interestingly on "Suffrage."

Mrs. Frear told of little incidents in the changes of the times, the changes in the responsibility of women. One of the many objections made in regard to Woman's Suffrage is that women will lose their influence if they gain the vote.

In speaking of this Mrs. Frear said:

"The women will not lose their influence if they have a vote because the men will want their votes." Another objection made is that if women vote they will neglect their homes. Here the speaker told of a little incident where a man with his wife and child went to the polls to cast their vote. The husband cared for the child while his wife cast her vote and vice versa. It did not take either of them long to do this. It was plain therefore that they had decided before going to the polls for whom they would cast their vote.

Women have always been educated

in the art of housekeeping and in pointing out that women are capable of taking part in the government, Mrs. Frear said "the Government is only housekeeping on a larger scale."

"I believe that the women of Hawaii will be given the vote," said Mrs. Frear. "I cannot tell how soon, but I believe that we should prepare ourselves for the responsibility, for its coming is inevitable." Mrs. Frear dwelt somewhat upon the women preparing for the responsibility of the vote. She said that the children in the public schools, though they had studied about the political conditions, are not yet wise enough to vote. Still if they were offered a vote they would readily accept it. So she said, women are as children in the eyes of the lawmakers.

Charles Fletcher Dole's "Good Citizen" was the book that Mrs. Frear recommended as being a good text on political matters. She also suggested that at the meeting the women take up some phase of the laws of the country and study it so as to be conversant on the government.

The next work to be taken up is the precinct organization.

At the close of yesterday's meeting it was moved and seconded that Mrs. Frear occupy the first vice-presidency. The vote taken was unanimous. As yet the second office is unfilled. A number of new members enrolled yesterday and the organization in Hawaii is fast growing in strength and number.

MRS. TENNEY PECK NOW HEADS Y. W. C. A. BOARD

At the annual meeting of the board of directors of the Young Women's Christian Association held last Tuesday morning, the following officers were elected to hold office during the coming year:—Mrs. L. Tenney Peck, president; Mrs. Harmon Hind, 1st vice-president; Mrs. A. E. Cooke, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. W. C. Weston, 3rd vice-president; Mrs. Arthur Jones, recording secretary; Mrs. S. W. Bowen, treasurer.

Between now and the next meeting the president will appoint heads of the following special committees: Finance, lunch and noon rest, boarding and home, employment, membership, student, junior, physical, social and religious. The appointments will be read at the next monthly meeting of the association.

The membership of the Y. W. C. A. is growing rapidly, and from a report of the chairman of the membership committee at the meeting last Tuesday, a gain of 35 members is shown for October over the month of September.

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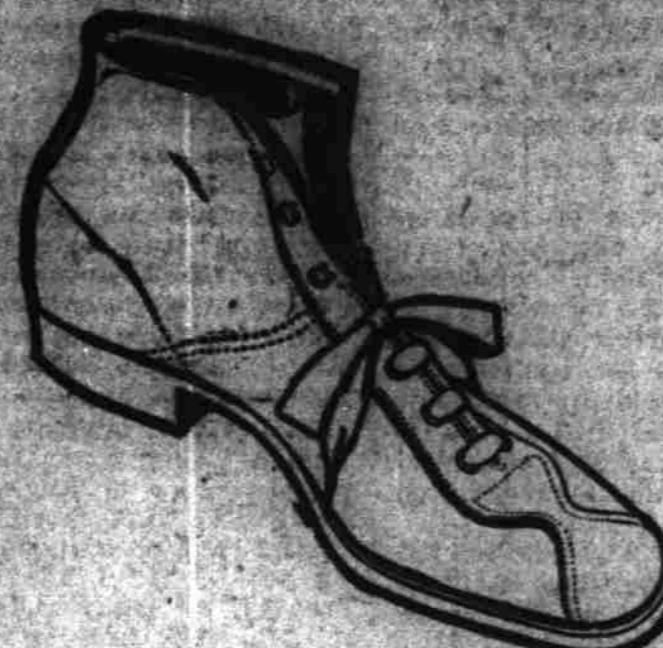
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The women vow they will never submit to what they consider an iniquitous and unnecessary regulation and most of them assert that they will die rather than pay their fines; in this event the city authorities may be faced with a suffragette situation, for it is whispered that several of the prisoners have resolved that in the event of any more imprisonments for non-payments of fines they will declare a hunger strike.

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